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Tuesday, 12th December 1882, First Day of the Third Regular Session of the Thirty-Third County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names, viz:—Messrs. The Warden, McCall, Dunkin, Matthews, Dickinson, Crysler, Jackson, Coates, Gillies, Barber, Wyckoff, Lewis Tweedale, Reid, Killmaster, McKnight, Watson, Clement, Stickney, Porritt and Green.

The minutes of the last day of the June Session were read and approved.

The Warden read several communications, which were laid on the table.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That the report of the County Treasurer upon lands liable to be sold for taxes in the different municipalities of this County, for 1882, be filed in the Clerk's office for reference.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Killmaster,

Ordered,

That the amended regulations of the County Model Schools be referred to the Committee on Education, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Gillies, seconded by Dr. Tweedale,

Ordered,

That the report of the Committee on the Poor House and Industrial Farm be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Green,

Ordered,

That the report of the measurement of the River Lynn, at Port Dover, made by Messrs. Decow and Smith, (respectively) Provincial Land Surveyors, be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Clement,

Ordered,

That the report of the Inspector of the Poor House and Industrial

Farm be referred to the Committee on the Poor House and Industrial Farm, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Matthews,

Ordered,

That the different memorials from the Warden of the County of Peel be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Stickney, seconded by Mr. Porritt,

Ordered,

That the petition of the County Council of Ontario be referred to the Committee of the Whole, with power to report thereon.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Jackson,

Ordered,

That the County Surveyor's report be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Jackson,

Ordered,

That the accounts and communication of James Riddell, Esq., of Port Dover, be referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to report thereon, by bill or otherwise.

No. 10. Dr. Tweedale gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that the County Clerk's salary for 1882 be five hundred dollars.

No. 11. On motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Stickney,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet to-morrow.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest

JAMES ERMATINGER,
County Clerk,
County of Norfolk.

Wednesday, 13th December, 1882, Second Day of the Third Regular Session of the Thirty-Third County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called, and following members answered to their names, viz:—Messrs. The Warden, McCall, Dunkin, Matthews, Dickinson, Crysler, Jackson, Coates, Gillies, Barber, Wyckoff, Lewis, Tweedale, Reid, Killmaster McKnight, Watson, Clement, Stickney, Porritt and Green.

The minutes were read and approved.

By permission of the Council Mr. Glazebrook addressed the Council on immigration, in a lucid and practical manner, which was listened to with great interest by the members.

The Warden read the report of Dr. Hayes, Medical Superinetndent of the Gaol and Poor House.

No 1. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Clement,

Ordered,

That the report of the Medical Superintendent of the Poor House and Gaol be referred to the Committee on the Poor House.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Reid,

Ordered,

That the Treasurer's financial statement, showing a net sum of $14126,-54, available for general purposes, be filed in the Clerk's office.

Mr. Barber brought up the report of the Committee on Finance, on the accounts and communication of James Riddell, Esq., of Port Dover.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Porritt,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

Your Committee, to whom the above reference gas made, beg leave to report: That no action be taken in the matter, as it being entirely out of the jurisdiction of this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman.
N. GREEN,
T. L. GILLIES,
J. STICKNEY,
C. DICKINSON,
J. M. TWEEDALE,
J. McKNIGHT,
J. OSTRANDER.

Committee Room, 13th Dec., 1882.

Mr. McKnight brought up the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the measurement of the River Lynn at Port Dover.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Clement,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted,

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

Your Committee, to whom the above reference was made, beg to report that subject of the above reference be referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. McKNIGHT, Chairman.
J. STICKNEY,
J. W. MATTHEWS,
J. D. CLEMENT,
L. LEWIS.

Committee Room, 13th December 1882.

Mr. Crysler brought up the report of the Committee on Education on the amended regulations of County Model Schools.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. McCall,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz:

Your Committee, to whom the above reference was made, beg to report: That they would recommend that the amended regulations of the County Model Schools be filed in the Clerk's office for future reference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROGER CRYSLER, Chairman.
G. B. JACKSON,
J. M. TWEEDALE,
T. L. GILLIES,
J. D. CLEMENT.

Committee Room, 13th December, 1882.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Jackson,

Ordered,

That the Clerk is hereby authorized to procure the necessary blank forms for assessment rolls, resident and non-resident, notices of assessment collectors, resident and non-resident rolls, voters and jurors lists required for the various municipalities of this County: And that the Warden is hereby authorized to draw his cheque on the County Treasurer for the payment of the same.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That this Council do now go into a Committee of the Whole upon the various references made to it

The Council went into Committee of the Whole at 4.20 o'clock, Mr. Jackson in the chair. Rose at 5½ o'clock p.m.

On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Barber,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet to-morrow.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest

JAMES ERMATINGER,
County Clerk,
County of Norfolk.

Thursday, 14th December, 1882, third day of the Third Regular Session of the Thirty-Third County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names, viz :—Messrs. The Warden, McCall, Dunkin, Matthews, Dickinson, Crysler, Jackson, Coates, Gillies, Barber, Wyckoff, Lewis Tweedale, Reid, Killmaster, McKnight, Watson, Clement, Stickney, Porritt and Green.

The minutes were read and approved.

No. 1. On motion of Mr Killmaster, seconded by Mr. Porritt,

Ordered,

That we, the Municipal Council of the County of Norfolk, in Council assembled, resolve as follows :

That in the event of an invasion or disturbance, the defence of the Province would, in a great measure, devolve upon our young men : That under our present revenue system every man sustains a portion of the public taxation, whether possessed of property or not :

That basing the franchise on a property qualification is a detriment to the country, since in addition to the expense of the Courts of Revision, there is an annual struggle at our Municipal elections, between the two political parties, to elect men of their own stripe, in order to obtain control of the assessment rolls :

That the present system of franchise tends to purjury, since at every Court of Revision we see parties on one side swearing that a certain property is not worth the requisite amount, while others as readily make oath that it is :

That all this could be avoided by making manhood instead of property the basis of suffrage :

That the qualification required, in order to exercise the suffrage, is greater here than in the Mother Country :

That the leaders of the Conservative party of Ontario have already expressed themselves favorable to an extension of the franchise :

That a large majority of the Liberal party are likewise of the opinion that the time has come when all property qualifications should be abolished :

And that a copy of the above resolutiohs, signed by the Warden and Clerk of this Council, be sent to our Ontario Parliament during its next session, and that the 24th rule of this Council be suspended; so far as it relates to these resolutions :

Debates arose thereon, a division being called, it was lost, by a majority of 5.

Yeas—Messrs. Wyckoff, Barber, Lewis, Gillies, Porritt, Stickney and Killmaster. 7

Nays—Messrs. Watson, McKnight, Clement, Dickinson, Coates, Dunkin, Matthews, McCall, Crysler, Jackson, Tweedale and Reid. 12

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Stickney,

Ordered,

That whereas the subject of immigration to this County as presented in the address of Mr. Glazebrook, is worthy of the serious consideration of this Council: It is therefore resolved that it would be in the interest of this County Council to promote immigration to this section of the Province of Ontario, of that class of immigrants styled English farmers, (that is farmers of the British Isles): But that it is not considered advisable at this, their last session of the present Council, to take action in the matter, but would nevertheless refer the question to the action of the succeeding Council.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Crysler,

Ordered,

That the sum of fifty dollars be granted the Clerk of this County in addition to his present salary for the current year; and the Warden is hereby authorized to draw his cheque in favor of Mr. Ermatinger for that amount; and that rule No. 24, of this Council, is hereby suspended for the above purpose.

Mr. Wyckoff brought up the report of the Committee of the Poor House and Industrial Farm on the Inspector's report.

On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Lewis,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

Your committee, to whom the above reference was made, would recommend the said report to be filed in the Clerk's office for future reference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. G. WYCKOFF, Chairman.
J. STICKNEY,
B. KILLMASTER,
W. PORRITT,
G. B. JACKSON,
C. DICKINSON,
R. WATSON,
J. W. MATTHEWS.

Committee Room, 14th December, 1882.

Mr. Jackson brought up the report of the Committee of the Whole.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Crysler.

Ordered,

The report from the Committee of the Whole be received and adopted

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

Your Committee of the Whole having received several communications which were referred to it, viz.: Report of the Special Committees of the Poor House and Industrial Farm; with reference to the measurement of the River Lynn at Port Dover; a petition of the County Council of Ontario, and communication from the County of Peel, beg leave to report: First, on the report of the Special Committee of the Poor House, your Committee of the Whole would recommend that the present incumbents of the Poor House, Mr. John Coates, Master, be discharged; also that the resignation of Mrs. Coates, as Matron, be accepted; and that the Warden be authorized to give Mrs. Coates a certificate of being an efficient Matron; and that Jas. McKnight be added to the Special Committee appointed to select a Master and Matron.

In reference to the measurement of the River Lynn at Port Dover, your Committee would recommend: That the Warden be empowered to make a thorough investigation as to the measurement and ownership of the River Lynn and bridge crossing the same at Port Dover, and ascertain, through legal instruction, the exact position of the County in the matter, and report the same to the first meeting of the next Council.

In reference to the petition from the County Council of Ontario, your Committee would recommend: That no action be taken in the matter; as also No. 1 and 3 from the County Council of Peel; No. 2 from the same County, your Committee would recommend that the attention of the Dominion Parliament be directed to the apparent oversight on its part of the Farmers' interest under the tariff in the matter of fine wool.

That the Memoral No. 4, from the County of Peel, be adopted: and your Committee would further recommend the Council to memorialize the Ontario Legislature to so amend the law, relating to appeals, as would make it obligatory that all changes in the assessment be first laid before the Council of the Municipality for adjudication, before appealing to the Judge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. B. JACKSON, Chairman.

Committee Room, 14th December, 1882.

Mr. Wyckoff brought up the Committee on the Poor House, on the report of the Medical Superintendent.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Gillies.

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

Your Committee, to whom the above reference was made, would recommend that a visitors book be procured for the Poor House as recommended; and that the said report be filed in the Clerk's office for future reference.

All of which is nevertheless respectfully submitted.

I. G. WYCKOFF, Chairman.
J. STICKNEY,
B. KILLMASTER,
W. PORRITT,
G. B. JACKSON,
C. DICKINSON,
R. WATSON,
J. W. MATTHEWS.

Committee Room, 14th December, 1882.

Mr. Dickinson brought up the report of the Committee on Public Buildings, on the County Surveyor's report.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Dunkin,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted,

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

Your Committee, to whom the above reference was made, beg leave to report: That they would recommend that in consequence of the County Surveyor's illness, the consideration and adoption of his report be laid over until the next meeting of this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. COATES, Chairman.
W. PORRITT,
B. KILLMASTER,
I. G. WYCKOFF,
J. R. REID,
R. WATSON,
J. DUNKIN,

Committee Room, 14th December, 1882.

Mr. Crysler brought up the report of the Special Committee on accounts.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. McKnight.

Ordered,

That the report of the Special Committee on Accounts be received and adopted, and the Warden authorized to draw his cheques for the several amounts, and the Clerk be authorized to enter the Pearce account in the Auditors book.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

Your Special Committee on Accounts would recommend that the Auditors report be received and adopted, and the several accounts therein men-

tioned be paid as corrected, except that of S. F. Passmore, of $10.40, which we would recommend to be laid over for further investigation; we would also recommend the payment of the account of Mr. Pearce, of $2.00, which appeared too late for audit.

R. CRYSLER, Chairman.
D. A. McCALL,
N. GREEN,
H. J. BARBER,
G. B. JACKSON.

Committee Room, 14th December, 1882.

Mr. Barber brought up the report of the Committee on Finance on Charity, chargeable to the County.

No. 9.—On motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Porritt,

Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted, and the Warden be authorized to sign cheques on the County Treasurer to pay the various amounts therein mentioned.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report: That they have examined the various accounts for Charity, and would recommend the following to be paid, viz.:

To D. A. McCall, to pay the expenses of nursing, medical aid, funeral expenses, &c., of Mrs. Bush and child, $30.25; to Wm. Smith, for boarding, nursing and funeral expenses of Thomas Kelly, a transient person, $5.50; to the Reeve of Houghton, for expenses in procuring medical certificate and examination of Thomas Perrin, and conveying him to Lunatic Asylum, being an indigent lunatic, $42.96; to Reeve of Houghton, for expenses in burying a dead body found on the beach of Lake Erie, near Clear Creek, $8.00; to George Ladd, for board and nursing Edwin Salsbury, a County Ward, 60 days at 75 cts., $45.00; to Reeve of Port Dover, for tramp acct., $2.96.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman.
J. McKNIGHT,
N. GREEN,
D. A. McCALL,
T. L. GILLIES,
G. B. JACKSON,
C. DICKINSON,

Committee Room, 14th December, 1882.

No. 10. On motion of Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Matthews,

Ordered,

That the Warden do now leave the chair, and that Mr. Barber takes the same.

No. 11. On motion of Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. McCall,

Ordered,

That the thanks of this Council be tendered to the Warden for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during the past year; and that he is hereby authorized to draw a cheque on the County Treasurer, in his own favor, for the sum of fifty dollars, to defray the incidental expenses of his office.

No. 12. On motion of Mr. Dunkin, seconded by Mr. Dickinson,

Ordered,

That Mr. Barber do now leave the chair, and the Warden resume the same.

Before the Warden resumed the chair, he thanked the Council for the honor they had done him, in a few well-chosen words.

No. 13. On motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Gillies,

Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest

JAMES ERMATINGER,
County Clerk,
County of Norfolk.